श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर : बीड़ी एक प्रांत से दूसरे प्रांत जाती है। उसमें स्मगलिंग की बात कहां तक है, यह तो संबंधित मंत्रालय के लोग ही बता सकते हैं।

Appointment of Honorary Teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas

*204. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for appointment of honorary teachers in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, how some teachers have been working in honorary capacity in the Kendriya Vidyalaya at Moscow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) There are no rules regarding appointment of teachers on honorary basis in Kendriya Vidyalayas. However, the Vidyalaya Management Committee, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow, appointed an *ad-hoc* teachers locally on honorary basis in History only as there was only one student in that subject. No purpose would have been served by deputing a regular teacher from India only for one student.

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Sir, my first supplementary is whether there is any provision for appointment of honorary teachers in the Kendriya Vidyalayas located within India and outside India. As you know, Sir, *ad hoc* appointment of PG teachers is made only when regular appointee is not available. But under what circumstances the honorary post-graduate teachers were appointed in Kendriya Vidyalaya in Moscow? As I understand a lady teacher was appointed just because she was related to an official of the Indian Embassy. May I know from the Minister whether such an appointment was in order, and to which official in the Embassy she was related?

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in this particular case the original selection of the PG Teacher (History) for the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow, was finalised in August, 1987. After consultnig the Indian Embassy in Moscow, the selected candidate whose name is Shri H. L. Sonar who is also incidentally the General Secretary of the All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association was sent the posting orders on 7-10-1988. He kept asking for repeated extension of timt to proceed to Moscow till March, 1989. When he finally agreed to proceed to Moscow, the Chairman, Vidyalaya Committee Management, was accordingly contacted to arrange accommodation in Moscow. Maenwhile, there was one student who had offered to study History and, therefore, local arrangement was made on an honorary basis in order that at least some teaching facilities are made available to him. The person who was asked to do the honorary work is one Smt. Sipali Kulshetra, wife of the Second Secretary in the Embassy. And she was not paid any remuneration; nor did she make any demand for payment. This was a stand-by because the teacher selected did not offer himself to go immediately. He pulled the matter for almost a year.

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: My second supplementary is this. would like to know from the hon. Minister whether honorary teachers have been appointed in any Kendriya Vidyalaya on the analogy of Moscow where vacancies exist or Moscow has been made a very exceptional Vidyalaya which does not recognise any rules of the Sangathan.

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM: Sir, it is a little unfair to slight Moscow so heavily at the present times. But it is a fact that nowhere else has this been done and also, nowhere else we had to deal with the General Secretary of the Association. A difficult situation arose.

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : माननीय सभापति महोदय, मंत्री महोदय ने जो जलेबीनुमा उत्तर दिया, उससे मुझे बड़ा ही आश्चर्य हुआ। पहले इन्होंने कहा कि उस अध्यापक ने बार-बार समय चाहा मास्को जाने के लिए। सभापति महोदय, हकीकत यह है कि अध्यापक को इसलिए वहां पर नहीं भेजा गया, बार-बार यही कहा जाता रहा कि मास्को में आवास की समस्या है और जैसे ही आवास की समस्या का समाधान हो जाएगा, उन्हें भेज दिया जाएगा।

श्री सभापति : मामला इन्होंने पोस्टपोन किया ?

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : जी हां। के. वी. एस. की ओर से यही कहा गया कि आवास की समस्या वहां पर है और जैसे ही उसका समाधान हो जाएगा वैसे ही उन्हें मास्को भेज दिया जाएगा। तो मैं यह जानना चाहूंगी कि क्या आवास की समस्या का समाधान हो गया ? इसी संदर्भ में मैं यह भी जानना चाहूंगी कि क्या यह हकीकत नहीं है कि मास्को के केंद्रीय विद्यालय में अनियमितताएं होती रही हैं। वहां के प्रथम प्रिंसिपल जिसके विरुद्ध भ्रष्टाचार के आरोप लगे थे और जिसे वापस बुलाने के लिए कमिश्नर ने कहा भी था, इसके बावजूद भी वे अपने समय से ज्यादा समय तक वहां टिके रहे ? इसका क्या कारण है, क्या मंत्री महोदय इस पर रोशनी डालेंगे ?

SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM: Sir, with regard to the first portion of the question, I would like to categorically state that the hon. Member is under a misapprehension. In fact, the said H. S. Sonar who was selected and offered posting on 7-10-1988 himself sought extension of time till March, 1989. The reason was quite justifiable because he had two offers. One was to go to Moscow as a P.G.T. History Teacher and the other was to become a Principal. He was stuck between the two offers, whether he should be a Principal or a History Teacher in Moscow. Moscow is financially viable and the other is statuswise viabel. Finally, when the Principal thing fell through in March 1989, he offered to go. And for almost eight months, there would have been no teacher if this lady had not come forward to do it on an honorary basis, that young student in Moscow would not have had the privilege of teaching. Let me make it clear that it is only after March 1989 that the issue of accommodation did arise because by that time, a lot of time had passed. It is at that stage where accommodation became an issue, after March 1989. And that was not the stage when the honorary teacher issue arose. By that time, the honorary teacher issue had died. Now, at the moment, there are four students in Moscow in the Kendriya Vidyalaya there. And though we have not yet received any demand from the Kendriya Vidyalaya for a History Teacher, we definitely are considering deputing one after confirming the availability. If Mr. Sonar still wishes to go, we will be most happy to send him.

KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Sir, for selection of teachers, certain norms, rules, regulations and procedures are to be followed. It is alleged that in the case of this particular lady Principal, there was a lot of disregard of the norms ,procedures and rules. In fact, at the time of the interview...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.